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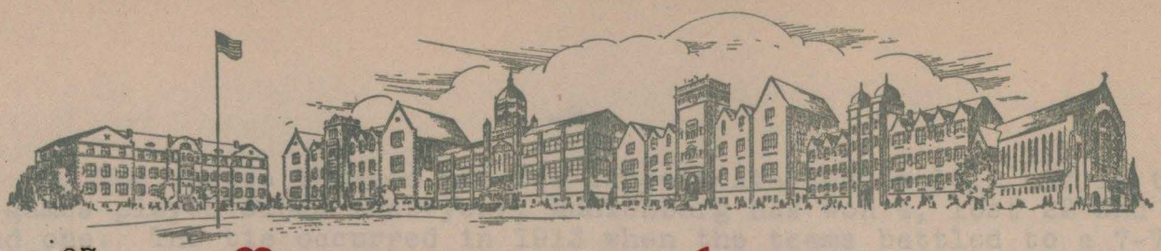

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MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

MUHLENBERG 32 LAFAYETTE 20

Dear Mules:

Yes, the headline is right, but first let me repeat it again, because it certainly is sweet news--MUHLENBERG 32, LAFAYETTE 20. I'm still trying to recover from that game and my voice will probably return to normal about the end of the week when I'll probably do it all over again at the Albright game. But, you want details, so here goes.

It was a bright and sunny afternoon (wait a minute, that sounds like the beginning of a short story) anyway, it was HOT, when the Mules met the Leopards at Fisher Field, Easton. The 'Berg team was the underdog, picked by the dopesters to lose by anywhere from 18 to 24 points. With Penn coming up next Saturday, Lafayette looked on this game as a breather--but, oh brother, what a blow they got.

Here are the statistics. They tell the story better than any words of mine.

	Muhlenberg	Lafayette
First downs	15	6
Yards gained scrimmage	255	108
Yards lost scrimmage	28	16
Forward passes attempted	16	12
Forward passes completed	11	6
Passes intercepted by	2	2
Yards gained passing	168	51
Fumbles	6	1
Fumbles recovered by	3	4
Yards penalized	35	30

Twenty points in the last quarter was the clincher which really tucked the Leopard's tail between his legs. Lafayette did not make a single first down during the entire second half, nor did they gain a yard from scrimmage during this part of the game. Three touchdowns and two conversions were tallied in the fourth quarter to wipe out the 20-12 score at half time and send the Mules on to what looks like a most successful season.

Both George Bibighaus and Jack Crider scored two touchdowns each and Eddie Sikorski's 62 yard run through the entire Lafayette team in the amazing fourth quarter topped the thrills which kept the Muhlenberg contingent on their feet constantly.

Lafayette scored first with the game only seven minutes old but the Mules took the kickoff and marched 61 yards down the field to score when Jack Crider took a 25 yard pass from Hal Bell. The Leopards scored again on a pass interception and following a bad punt by Dean, they pushed another touchdown over to lead 20-6 midway in the second quarter. Bell again passed to Bibighaus in the closing minutes of the quarter and the score stood 20-12 as the teams left the field at the half.

Muhlenberg started her victory drive with the opening whistle of the second half, holding Lafayette in check with the Leopards handling the ball in only nine plays during the third quarter. Two fumbles in this period cut off potential touchdowns as the Mules slashed and drove through the Lafayette line almost at will. Muhlenberg had a touchdown called back when the team was offsides but the Major's boys were not to be denied and Rovada took Crider's pass to open the fourth quarter and make the score 20-19. Crider again scored standing up and the Mules now led 26-10. Line plays, following an exchange of punts took the ball to the 38 yard line when Eddie Sikorski took off for paydirt territory and the clincher which brought the Mules their first victory over Lafayette since 1939.

TO ITS MEN WHO FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM

The series between the two schools started in 1912 and in the 27 games played since that year, Muhlenberg has won 4, lost 22 and tied one. The tie occurred in 1913 when the teams battled to a 7-7 score. Victory was not to come our way again until 1917 when Muhlenberg won 6-0. The Mules repeated the next year 7-0, and then had to wait until 1936 when they won 19-6. In 1939 they won again 7-6 and the victory on Saturday brings the score of wins to 5 and the determination to do it again next year. Lafayette was rated tenth in the nation this year.

Something new in the matter of psychological warfare was demonstrated last Friday afternoon when a Piper Cub flew low over the campus and dropped handfuls of leaflets describing "The Great Fiasco That Was Muhlenberg College" with pointed references to our loss in basketball last February, and a cartoon showing the Mule being kicked around by the Leopard. Perhaps it was this that inspired the team, or it may have been the "hunch" that "Haps" had, but regardless of what it was, keep your eye on this team--you'll hear big things from them again.

Major Floyd Schwartzwalder, who with his capable assistants, "Hoss" Lough, "Bud" Barker and "Ernie" Fellows has moulded a well-trained and alert team and, as the Morning Call put it, in an editorial on Monday morning, "he appears to have put a never-say-die spirit into the men."

Before we leave the athletic scene, here is a bit of news about Lee Coker. Lee, as many of you will remember, did a grand job in coaching the Mules in basketball last season, taking them right up to the Madison Square Garden invitation tournament. He has been named as coach of the Allentown Professional basketball team of the Eastern League for the coming season. Lee plans to field a team of the fastest type against competition from Scranton, Reading, Binghampton, New York, Lancaster, Wilkes-Barre, Hazleton and Atlantic City. Their home games will be played in Rockne Hall on Monday nights.

I guess you have to learn the hard way, and I surely did, for the last letter to you was not cool from the Mimeograph Department when my attention was called to the errors, chief of which was my spelling of the name of our Secretary of State, Jimmy BYRNES. However I guess that I can blame it on the hectic conditions, as I stated in that letter, and with a firm resolve to read my copy in the future, here we go again for another session to bring you up to date on Muhlenberg.

Monday morning of last week saw the Gideon F. Egner Memorial Chapel crowded to the doors with many students unable to gain admittance as the opening ceremony for the new college year was held. The traditional academic procession headed by President Tyson and members of the newly formed Academic Council entered the Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Speaking to the new students and faculty and staff, President Tyson keynoted the new year by reiterating his faith in the ultimate world-wide victory of common sense, ordinary decency and spiritual stamina. He called upon the campus community to demonstrate this year that "at least there is one little corner of the world in which a group of intelligent people can live and work and play together--where selfishness, deceit, jealousy, distemper and greed are pretty well eliminated."

Another step which proves that Muhlenberg is always ready to be of service to her constituents was the announcement by President Tyson that wives of veterans now a part of the college community would be permitted to enroll for regular college work. Admission of the limited number of qualified women students in no way commits Muhlenberg to a future program of co-education, the President added, but the Board of Trustees felt that educational opportunities should be provided for those women who are members of the campus community while their husbands are enrolled at college.

Dean Sherwood R. Mercer and Harold W. Helfrich, Jr., president of the Student Council, joined the President in welcoming the students to another academic year. With more than 1200 students and a faculty of over 100 men, including 28 men who will meet their first classes along with 10 who returned to the campus after leaves of absence or sabbatical leaves to complete graduate work, the College is teeming with activity. The faculty who have returned are Perry F. Kendig, who spent more than three years in military service and who is returning as a member of the English Department and Dean of Students; Professor George Rickey, resuming his work as head of the Art Department after extended service in the Army; Professor Carl W. Boyer, professor of education and one of the first members of the faculty to volunteer for military duty; Dr. Ira F. Zartman, head of the Department of Physics, who spent the war years with the National Defense Research Council in the Radiation Laboratories at Johns Hopkins University where important work was done on V-T fuses and other new weapons developed for America and its allies; John E. Trainer of the Biology faculty who spent the last year at Cornell completing work for his doctor of philosophy degree; Ephraim B. Everitt, assistant professor of English, who completed the work for his doctor of philosophy in English at Penn; Prof. William S. Ritter who pursued work at New York University for his master's degree; Dr. Thomas H. Weaber, Jr., back on the campus as director of student health and an instructor in hygiene courses after three years of service in the Army Medical Corps; Frederick E. Fellows who coached track at Muhlenberg before the war and who has returned as a member of the physical education staff, and William C. Wilbur who was discharged as a Captain in the Army Air Forces and will resume his work in the department of Social Studies.

Before I forget it, here are four promotions that came in the mail recently. CAPTAIN EDWIN S. HETTIG '43, ENSIGN JOHN H. J. FINNEGAN V-44, ENSIGN GEORGE SINICHKO V44, and PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EVAN G. MANN '48.

Now for some items from the mailbag. LIEUTENANT GEORGE S. FOX '44 is stationed at Patuxent River, Maryland, and is still flying the east coast from Argentina, Newfoundland to Trinidad.

FREDERICK M. HASSOLD '44 was discharged in May and is now working as an engineer for the Bell Telephone Company in Philadelphia. WILLIAM C. STEWART V46, who was a member of the last V-12 unit to be stationed on the Muhlenberg campus, was discharged from the Navy on July 25. He plans to continue his education at the University of Newark, which is a branch of Rutgers, with the hope of eventually becoming an architect.

DICK BISBE V44 with his new stripe finally caught up with his ship, the U.S.S. Perry, operating in the Adriatic. Dick flew all over Europe tracking down his ship, hitting parts of Germany, London, Paris Rome and finally Trieste. He plans to see SGL GRUBER V44 soon, with whom he made a long trek through high school, college, and who has been assigned light cruiser duty on the Fargo. BOB FRETZ '47 sailed on the Admiral Capper and his destination as yet is uncertain. According to word received in the office, Bob would like to be back with the gang on the campus. Keep hoping, Robert, old boy, that day may come sooner than you think.

Perhaps the best deal that any of the men around here (who have been in service) have ever heard of is the tale of one WILLIAM H. EVANS '45. Bill must have kissed the blarney stone, or somepin, for he talked himself into a swell deal. He will go to Penn as a student to complete his course in engineering, during which time he will break out in a rash of loud ties and other civilian accouterment, get his full Navy pay including flight pay (for which he will fly four hours a month at Willow Grove) and at the conclusion of his "tour of Duty" in the Quaker City, go back to active duty. He plans to retire at 39. Anybody wanting to get the lowdown, drop him a line.

This has been a long letter, but it has been fun to write and I hope that all my letters will bring you as much good news as this one did. Until another two weeks then, keep rooting for these Mules and drop me a line when you have a moment. We are always more than delighted to hear from you.

As ever,

John